


# Timelines:

Adopting a State Construction or Fire Code

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Business and Labor Interim Committee  
**August 19, 2009 Interim Meeting**

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# STATUTORY TIMELINES

## State Fire Code

### AMENDMENTS

- 45 days after receipt of request/recommendation Board directs State Fire Marshal Division to convene informal hearing
- 15 days after hearing, directs Division to notify of decision

**11/30:**  
**Board**  
Report - B&L

New Edition  
Amendments

### Legislature

Acts on legislation

### B&L

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- Prepares legislation

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Source: Utah Code Ann., Title 53, Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act; Title 58, Chapter 56, Utah Uniform Building Standards Act

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# STATUTORY TIMELINES

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# STATUTORY TIMELINES

## AMENDMENTS

- Request process in rule
- Requests by local/state regulator, state agency involved with construction/design, licensing board, or construction association

### 5/15: Commission

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L

### 10/15: Commission

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L

### 11/30: Commission

Report - B&L

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Written report - B&L

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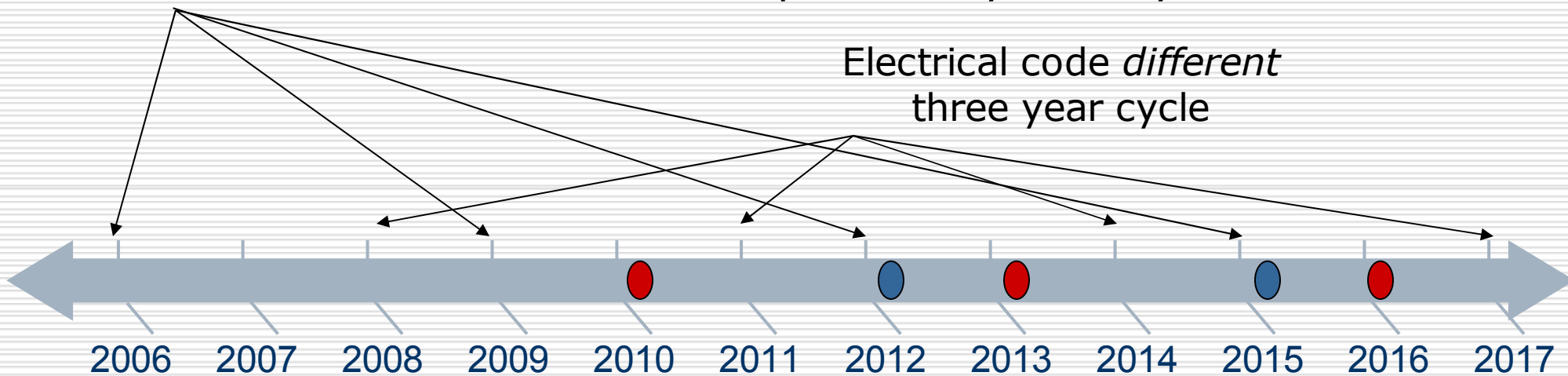
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# NATIONAL CODE TIMELINE

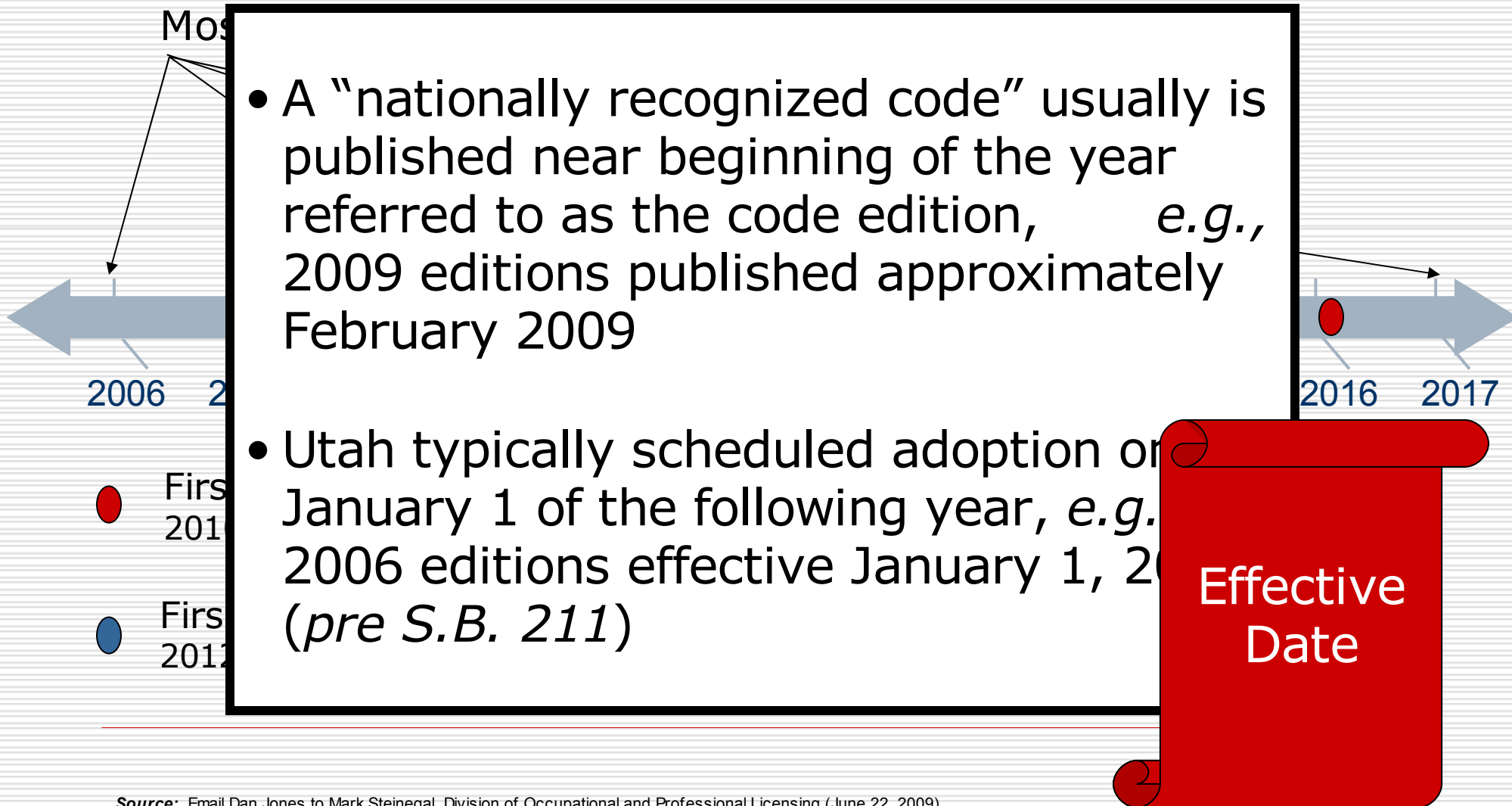
Most international codes adopted every three years

Electrical code *different*  
three year cycle



- First possible General Session to consider new code:  
2010, '13, '16, '19, etc.
- First possible General Session to consider new electrical code:  
2012, '15, '18, '21, etc.

# NATIONAL CODE TIMELINE



Source: Email Dan Jones to Mark Steinegal, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (June 22, 2009)

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# REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE

Year Nationally Recognized Code Published

NRC published

Subcommittees of Commission review NRC  
-Recommend new amendments  
-Review existing amendments

**5/15: Commission**

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L

**10/15: Commission**

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L

**11/30**

Report

**11/30**

Board

- Preparation and consideration of Legislation by B&L
- Possible separate treatment of controversial issues

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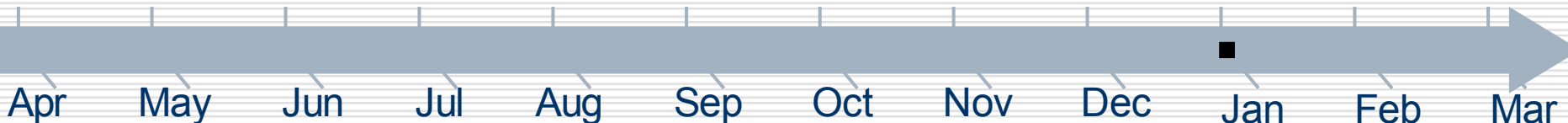
# REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE

## Year with No Nationally Recognized Code

Legislature  
Acts on legislation

- Commission considers proposals for amendments - in the past, a few amendments were adopted
- Board considers proposals for amendments, - in the past, amendments were common

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L



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# INTERIM CHANGE TIMELINE

Commission or Board may adopt an interim provision if waiting for legislative action in next general session would

Cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare

**OR**

Place a person in violation of federal or other state law

Legislature

Acts on legislation



Expires  
“sine die” if  
Legislature  
does not act  
next general  
session

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# B&L COMMITTEE TIMELINE

## TIMELINES

Fire/Construction Code  
New Edition/Amendment  
Interim Changes

### Legislature

Acts on legislation

### B&L

- Recommends
- Prepares legislation

### 6/30: Commission

Report - B&L

### 7/30:

### Board

### 10/15: Commission

- Public hearing
- Written report - B&L

### 5/15: Commission

- Public hearing
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# B&L COMMITTEE TIME

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Options  
Informal  
Formal

- Relationship between public committee board/commission and before the Legislature
  - o Informing the recommendations to B&L
  - o Sufficiency of time
- Nature of communications between board/commission and the Legislature
- Predictability for the multiple industries affected
- Addressing the technical nature of the codes